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SUBJECT: NEPAL: CHARGE STRESSES RECOGNITION OF KOSOVO  
INDEPENDENCE

REF: STATE 13716

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Randy W. Berry. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

[1](#)1. (C) On February 11, Charge conveyed reftel talking points to Nepalese Foreign Secretary Gyan Bahadur Acharya. Acharya was already aware of the looming declaration of independence, having spoken with EU diplomats earlier in the day. Acharya acknowledged USG views and some EU views, but indicated that the GON will most likely delay recognition for the short term. He indicated that the issue was under discussion at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and also in the Prime Minister's Office. Charge repeated the demarche with Aditya Baral, Senior Adviser to Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala, who promised to raise the issue when speaking to the PM later today.

[1](#)2. (C) Given the dynamics present in Nepal's current march towards April 10 elections, reluctance to immediately grant recognition is not surprising. Agitating groups in Nepal's restive Terai region, along the border with India, are including demands for greater autonomy, to include self-determination, as a precondition for participating in the first nationwide elections in nearly a decade.

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